

Removal of the Morse Code requirements from amateur radio examinations compromises the integrity of the service. My Amateur Extra callsign is W5KIX, and I worked for my license which included passing the 20 wpm Code test. If someone is truly sincere about Amateur radio and the preservation of it's integrity, they need to EARN the privilege to use it. Earning that privilege MUST include morse code, if nothing else, to preserve the tradition and taking pride in your accomplishment. Personally, I believe there should be a minimum of a TEN (10) wpm test to upgrade past the Technician class. Of course, the medical exemption shouldn't be eliminated, but don't rob those of us who worked for our licenses. Morse Code, though considered archaic in todays digital medium, is a valuable tool in the event of the loss of audio transmission capabilities. Thank you.